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FM AMEMBASSY MUSCAT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2400
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: MASIRAH

REF: (A) CTG SEVEN TWO PT THREE MSG 180454Z AUG 76
(B) EMBASSY LONDON 12163, AUG 4
(C) EMBASSY MUSCAT 0939, AUG 3

1. ASTOUNDED TO LEARN FROM REF (A) THAT AUG 9-11 MASIRAH VISIT DID NOT TAKE PLACE, AND THAT REASON WAS "NON RECEIPT OF DIP CLEARANCE APPROVAL". WE ASSUMED AUG 9-11 TRIP TOOK PLACE AS SCHEDULED, AND COMMENTED TO THIS EFFECT WHEN NOTIFYING OMANI FOREIGN MINISTER AUG 17 OF FORTHCOMING AUG 23-25 FLIGHT.
2. REGARDING CLEARANCE PROCEDURE, OUR UNDERSTANDING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (B) , HAS BEEN THAT PURSUANT TO FCO AND MOD WISHES CONVEYED TO EMBASSY AND USDAO LONDON, CINCPAC IS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH RAF MASIRAH IN ARRANGING P-3 FLIGHTS. SAME MESSAGE STATED THAT RAF MASIRAH WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE AND THAT MODUK AIR AND USDAO LONDON SHOULD BE INFO ADDRESSEES ON ALL MESSAGE TRAFFIC. WE HAVE ASSUMED THIS WAS TAKING PLACE.
3. AS REPORTED REF (C) OMAN GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD US THAT ALL IT REQUIRES IS ORAL NOTIFICATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER OR HIS STAND-IN EACH TIME. WE HAVE ASSURED SULTAN PERSONALLY THAT OMAN WILL BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE ON EACH

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OCCASION.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT URGENTLY RE-STATE FOR ALL APPROPRIATE ADDRESSEES, INCLUDING ALL NECESSARY MILITARY ADDRESSEES, PRECISE GUIDELINES FOR CLEARANCE AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.

5. FOR LONDON: RE REF (B), HOW DO FCO AND MOD ENVISAGE CINCPAC COMMUNICATING "DIRECTLY WITH RAF MASIRAH"? IS AMEMBASSY MUSCAT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCEDURE?
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